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The following article on construction being done in the
 Rhodope mining basin is from the 12 April 1953 issue of Rabot-
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Bulgarian geologists under the supervision of Soviet specialists have discovered large deposits of iron, lead and zinc, and copper ore in the Rhodope Mountains. The formerly insignificant villages of Strashimir, Laykov Chukar, Konski Dol, Madan, Srednogortsi, Krushov Dol, Borieva, Ribnitsa, and Rudozem are being transformed into small mining towns. During 1952, the "Sovbolstroy" (Soviet-Bulgarian Construction) Enterprise built 33,000 square meters of housing for workers, four cultural centers, two substations, and two diesel plants in the Rhodope mining area, as well as a flotation installation in Rudozem. Rudozem is a mining town with a population of 5,000.

There is an enriching [concentration] plant in Kurdzhali, which now has over 22,000 inhabitants. Some day a lead and zinc plant will be built in the Rhodope area.

A new cableway is being constructed between Laykov Chukar, Borieva, Sharenska, and Rudozem.

This year, "Sovbolstroy" will build almost 600 two-room apartments in the Rhodope area. By 1 May 1953, the machines in the Rudozem flotation installation will be in operation and trucks will carry hundreds of tons of concentrates from the installation.

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